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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated June 7, 2005, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

- I. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response;
- II. Remarks begin on page 5 of this response; and
- III. Conclusion begins on page 7 of this response.